

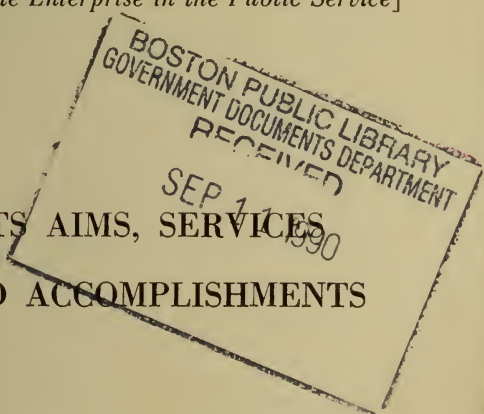
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ITS AIMS, SERVICES
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BOSTON MUNICIPAL RESEARCH BUREAU Like every major American city, Boston has an independent, non-partisan research agency for the promotion of better municipal government. Thirty-five men prominent in Boston's civic and business affairs constitute the Board of Directors. A staff of professionally-trained men, with offices at Barristers Hall, Pemberton Square, conduct the Bureau's regular activities. Financial support comes from people who have an interest in better management of Boston's public business — and who want to *do* something about it.

AIMS

- To work for a better Boston through better City government.
- To aid in the solution of municipal problems by fact-finding and research.
- To build an informed public opinion on municipal affairs.

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- Brings professional research to study of Boston's problems.
- Subjects municipal activities and policies to independent review.
- Publishes monthly Bulletins and Special Reports.
- Disseminates facts through publications, newspapers, and radio programs.
- Acts as a civic information center.
- Helps to protect Boston's interest in state legislation.
- Cooperates with public officials.
- Links Boston to a national "chain" of municipal research agencies.

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1. Improvements in basic laws regulating Boston's finances.
2. Better municipal budgeting, accounting and financial reporting.
3. Successful opposition to extravagant and unnecessary projects.
4. A fairer deal for Boston in distribution of state highway funds and welfare aid.
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7. Charter revision permitting Bostonians to adopt Plan A, D or E without further special legislation.
8. Promotion of Act authorizing the Finance Commission's \$150,000 Administrative Survey of City Departments.
9. Transfer of the Boston Transit Department to the MTA.
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